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**Facilitating Female
Family Violence
Intervention Groups**

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Various Training Dates and Locations

March 3, 2012—Atlanta GA

April 5, 2012—Atlanta GA

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About the Conference

In an article in the Atlanta Journal in November 23, 1999, titled "Domestic abuse arrests of women rises", brought attention to a trend that is occurring in spots around the country that as many as one quarter or more of domestic assault arrests are not of men but women. This unique course explores the rarely-discussed issue of domestic violence perpetrated **by women**. The majority of research during the last forty years has focused on how and why men abuse women in relationships. Only in recent years have clinicians begun to examine the other side of domestic violence - in which men are victimized by their female relationship partners.

In exploring this topic it is imperative that we not minimize or deny the extensive oppression of and violence towards women. However, research has begun to identify a growing trend of victimization by women in their relationships that is nearly equal that perpetrated by men in years past. Whether violence is initiated by women, men or as often happen, by both, batterers must be held accountable for their intentional abuse of their partners.

When the first indications arose that women were also battering in relationships, there was an outcry from both clinicians and the general public. There was concern that those identifying the trends were blaming female victims for fighting back or defending themselves. While violence by male perpetrators was seen as genetically and culturally programmed, many could not see female perpetrators as anything but victims. Perhaps to recognize that women could batter their male partners for any other reason was to diminish our sense of women as nurturers, comforters and safe havens.

While approximately 835,000 men are battered each year, men are less likely to report domestic violence by their female partners for several reasons: shame, machismo, fear of humiliation by police and male peers, and even fear of retaliation by their perpetrators. While some women do commit violence to defend themselves against their male partners, they are also capable of significant violence by their own initiative; research suggests that 80% of women who murder their husbands have histories of violence and often have extensive criminal records.

This course will review the current research on female batterers and strategies for leading female family violence groups.

Learning Objectives

- Discuss female perpetrators of partner aggression and relevant treatment issues.
- Describe 4 typologies of women who are referred to FVIPs and a revised power and control wheel.
- Explain what is drama and how does it play out in our lives
- Assist clients in completing a FV change plan
- Explore strategies for change
- Describe characteristics of family violent women
- Teaching self-responsibility to female perpetrators
- Interventions with female perpetrators and review of female violence curriculum.

Agenda 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- 9:00 Female perpetrators of partner aggression and relevant treatment issues
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 4 Types of female perpetrators and revised power and control wheel
- 10:45 Characteristics of a FV female
- 11:15 Social changes facing that may be contributing to an increase in female violence
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 A drama based lifestyle
- 1:30 Strategies for dealing with conflict
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Principles of Self-Responsibility
- 2:45 Interventions with female perpetrators
- 3:15 Review modules of a Female FV program
- 4:30 Adjourn

Your Presenter:

Gary K. Byrd, M.Ed., CCS, CAMS, MAC, CEO of The Anger Management Institute. He has written anger management participant workbooks for teens and adults and a female violent intervention workbook.

The program has been approved for 6 continuing hours by GCFV, GACA, ICRC, LPC, and LCSW.